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Airfield Construction near Hŭngp'yŏng-ni

1. On 15 April 1952, approximately 300 Soviet soldiers were building an airfield 600 meters east of Hŭngp'yŏng-ni (125-29, 39-54) (YE-1219) at approximately 125-30, 39-54, (YE-135195).¹ The airfield runway was surfaced with rocks and was approximately 1,000 meters long and 15 meters wide. There were no North Korean or Chinese Communist personnel engaged in the construction. The Soviet soldiers wore uniforms which were similar in design to North Korean army uniforms, but were slightly blue in color. There were approximately 18 tents housing Soviet soldiers approximately 800 meters east of the field.
2. The area between T'aech'ŏn (125-30, 39-55) (YE-1421) and Taehŭng-dong (125-29, 39-53) (YE-1217) was closed to civilians, but no other special defensive measures had been taken for the protection of the airfield. The Soviet soldiers at the field were armed only with PPSH's and rifles. Once or twice each day approximately 10 MIG-15's flew over the field.
3. In late June 300 Soviet soldiers wearing green uniforms were near an airfield¹ under construction 2 kilometers south of T'aech'ŏn.

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4. On 27 May an airfield was under construction approximately 8 kilometers south of Sariwŏn at Ŭnp'a-ri² (125-46, 38-24) (YC-4253) on flat farm land approximately 1 kilometer from a group of five to seven farm houses. Approximately 50 aircraft shelters were nearly completed on the southwest side of the airfield. The shelters were made by piling sandbags to form the walls, placing logs on top of the sandbags to form the roof, and then covering the logs with more sandbags. Forty-five of the shelters were approximately 30 meters x 20 meters x 5 meters in size, and five of the shelters were approximately 60 meters x 40 meters x 10 meters. In late May no aircraft had been brought to the field.
5. The airfield was defended by anti-aircraft guns deployed around the field manned by approximately 50 North Korean soldiers. Unauthorized persons were prohibited from entering the airfield area.
1. Comment. This is presumably the T'aech'ŏn airfield, which, according to other information, is at approximately 125-30, 39-54, (YE-131191), and has a concrete runway 2,200 yards long and 70 yards wide. Other information indicates an airfield about 1 mile west of T'aech'ŏn 1,320 yards long and 550 yards wide. The evaluation of the first two paragraphs applies to the statements that Soviet troops were building the airfield and that no Chinese Communist or North Korean personnel were being used to help.
- Comment. in late May the T'aech'ŏn airfield was completely unserviceable as a result of United Nations bombing, and repair work was underway on the field.
2. Comment. in late May construction work was proceeding on an airfield at Ŭnp'-ri, south of Sariwŏn; work was expected to be completed in June 1952.

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